Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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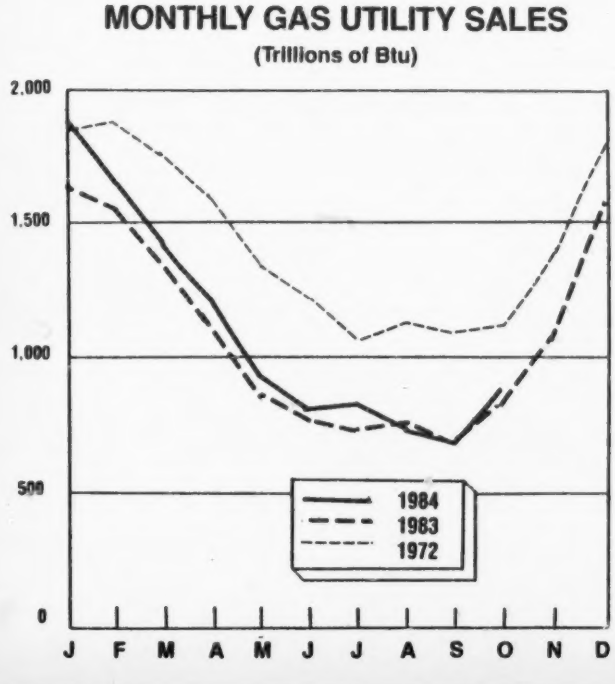
Commercial sales declined while residential and industrial sales showed an increase in October of 1984 compared to last year. Total sales were up from 809.8 trillion Btu in October 1983 to 825.8 trillion Btu in October 1984.

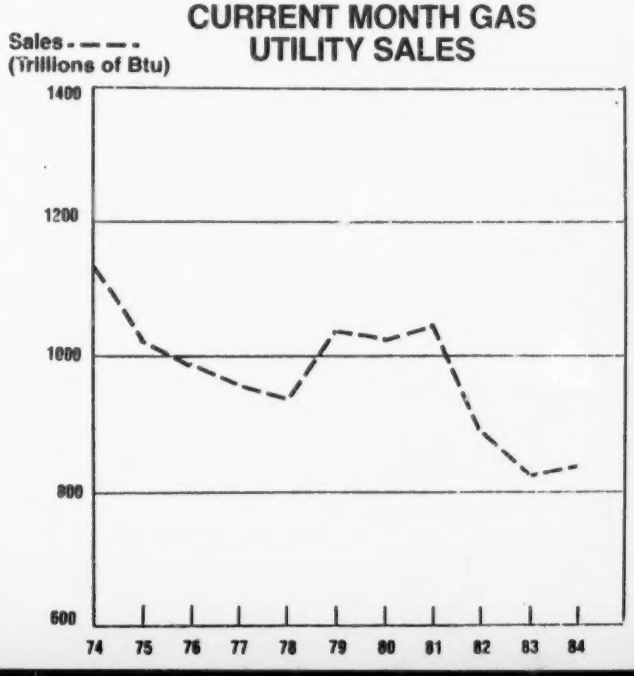
GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	October			Year to Date (% Change)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[2]	1984*	Last Period	1984 Forecast[1]	1983	% Change
Residential	198.6	195.9	+ 1.4	3,655.1	+ 6.5	4,667.6	4,450.2	+ 4.9
Commercial	118.3	119.3	- 0.8	1,884.9	+ 4.9	2,390.2	2,298.4	+ 4.0
Industrial	501.3	486.7	+ 3.0	5,286.8	+ 6.4	6,288.8	5,970.0	+ 5.3
Other	7.6	7.9	-	120.9	-	154.1	140.4	-
Total Sales	825.8	809.8	+ 2.0	10,947.7	+ 6.2	13,500.7	12,859.0	+ 5.0
Transportation	165.1	94.2	+ 75.3	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	990.9	904.0	+ 9.6	N/A		N/A	N/A	

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.

*The year-to-date sales figures have been adjusted to reflect 1983 Gas Facts.





RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - OCTOBER
(Thousands of Units)

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas	153.4	136.5	+ 12.4
Electric	287.3	265.6	+ 8.2
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	79.2	68.2	+ 16.1
Electric	302.6	254.8	+ 18.8
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	226.7	199.7	+ 13.5
Electric	25.8	29.5	- 12.4
Oil	23.0	18.3	+ 25.7
Boilers			
Gas	30.5	24.0	+ 26.8
Electric	NA	NA	NA
Oil	12.3	12.6	- 2.6

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - OCTOBER

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	150.1	159.3	- 5.8
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	597.1	582.4	+ 2.5
Electricity	361.0	339.2	+ 6.4
Fuel Oil	633.6	632.6	+ 0.2

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	73.7	72.3	+ 2.0
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.43	6.41	+ 0.3
Commercial	5.55	5.53	+ 0.4
Industrial	4.30	4.36	- 1.4
Total	4.99	5.04	- 1.0
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	165.1	94.2	+ 75.3
For Ultimate Consumers	31.4	20.7	+ 51.7
For Resale	163.4	126.2	+ 29.5
Total	359.9	241.1	+ 49.3

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1976	Dec.	1.599	1.983	1.682	1.312	1.357
1977	Dec.	1.974	2.333	2.067	1.685	1.735
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Jan.^{P}	5.117	5.864	5.509	4.392	4.888
	Feb.^{P}	5.104	5.866	5.501	4.370	4.880
	Mar.^{P}	5.091	5.848	5.491	4.351	4.855
	Apr.^{P}	5.081	5.850	5.486	4.339	4.841
	May ^{P}	5.073	5.851	5.483	4.328	4.820
	Jun.^{P}	5.067	5.856	5.484	4.317	4.814
	Jul.^{P}	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.^{P}	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.^{P}	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.^{P}	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765

P-Preliminary

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1982	Oct.	4.68	5.75	5.02	4.18
	Nov.	4.85	5.55	5.12	4.25
	Dec.	4.96	5.40	5.19	4.33
1983	Jan.	5.16	5.57	5.38	4.49
	Feb.	5.18	5.58	5.44	4.49
	Mar.	5.23	5.78	5.54	4.50
	Apr.	5.17	5.73	5.50	4.46
	May	5.16	6.11	5.61	4.44
	Jun.	5.07	6.48	5.71	4.40
	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94^R	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.^{P}	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.^{P}	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.^{P}	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.^{P}	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May ^{P}	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.^{P}	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.^{P}	4.78	6.86	5.68	4.19
	Aug.^{P}	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.^{P}	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.^{P}	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30

R-Revised due to typographical error.

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[1]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.